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SUBJECT: SUPREME COURT RULING ON LEGALIZATION CASES MAY NOT BE MADE
PUBLIC UNTIL AFTER EASTER

1. ALTHOUGH THE SUPREME COURT REPORTEDLY WILL DECIDE TODAY
AND TOMORROW ON THE LEGALIZATION CASES OF A NUMBER OF PARTIES,
INCLUDING THE PCE, THERE IS SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHEN THESE
DECISIONS ACTUALLY WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.

2. BOTH "EL PAIS" AND "ABC" REPORTED TODAY THAT THE RULINGS
WOULD BE MADE "BEHIND CLOSED DOORS." "EL PAIS" WENT ON TO
STATE FLATLY THAT THEY WOULD NOT THEN BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL
AT LEAST APRIL 11. SO THE WAITING ROOM PACING CONTINUES.

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3. A LEADING CENTRIST POLITICIAN TOLD US TODAY HE WAS SURE
THE PCE WOULD BE LEGALIZED, BUT THOUGHT THAT THE DECISION
WOULD NOT BE MADE KNOWN UNTIL AFTER EASTER. AS HE PUT
IT, THIS KEEPS THE PCE FROM BEGINNING ITS OFFICIAL ELEC-
TORAL CAMPAIGN UNTIL THEN. SINCE THE QUESTION OF THE
PCE WAS LINKED TO THE ISSUE OF SUAREZ'S RUNNING, IT

ALSO LEFT SUAREZ WITH MORE TIME TO KEEP HIS OPTIONS OPEN
(SEPTEL).

4. ACCORDING TO LATE PRESS REPORTS, THE DECISION COULD
NOW BE DELAYED EVEN FURTHER BY THE COURT'S UNPRECEDENT-
ED REFUSAL TODAY TO ACCEPT THE GOVT'S
NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE FOURTH CHAMBER, THE SEC-
TION OF THE COURT WHICH IS RULING ON THE PARTY LEGALIZA-
TION CASES. JUSTICES OF THE COURT, INVOKING AN APPARENT-
LY NEVER USED RIGHT, VOTED 23 TO 18 AGAINST THE NOMINEE,
FELLOW JUSTICE JUAN BECERRIL ANTON-MIRALLES. NO EX-
PLANATION HAS YET BEEN FORTHCOMING FOR THEIR REJEC-
TION OF ONE OF THEIR OWN. EATON

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